BIRDING NOTES Compiled by Aasheesh Pittie

This column publishes birding notes in brief telegraphic form, from **Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan & Tamil Nadu** on interesting and significant sightings and behaviour like breeding, feeding, migration, nesting, *etc*. Notes on flowering and fruiting trees and their relationship with birds are also welcome. English names and classification follow, S.D. Ripley's *A Synopsis of the Birds of India and Pakistan* (1982, 2nd ed.) and scientific nomenclature, T. Inskipp, N. Lindsey & W. Duckworth's *An Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the Oriental Region* (1996). Unless specified, all observations are for 2000. Abbreviations, Contributors, Notes, Regional Referees, *etc*., are at the end. For selection of breeding criteria 'Probable, Possible, Confirmed', see *Pitta* # 82, February 1998, p. 4.

ANDHRA PRADESH

HYDERABAD DISTRICT

Hussain Sagar 26.xii.1999 (SAT, SU, AO)
DABCHICK 200+; SPOTBILL DUCK 26; COMMON TEAL 4; BROWNHEADED GULL 2; COOT 42; ALPINE SWIFT 10.

Hyderabad City, Himayatnagar 13.ii: (JNP)
PURPLE SUNBIRD CB, M feeding F (incubating?). N *c*. 7' up on a *Thespesia populnea* tree.

Hyderabad City, Sanjeevayya Park 26.xii.1999 (SAT, SU, AO)
GREY WAGTAIL 4; YELLOW WAGTAIL 40; ROSY PASTOR 8; GREYHEADED MYNA 2; SPOTTED MUNIA CB, feeding yng in N.

Hyderabad City, Vidyanagar 20.iii (MSK)
BARN OWL 1.

RANGAREDDI DISTRICT

Edulabad 6.ii: (JVDM, HT, VT, MKP)
CORMORANT 150, 20+ imm; GREY HERON 300+; SHOVELLER 2000+; REDCRESTED POCHARD 200+; PINTAIL 6500+; SPOTBILL 250+; REDWATTLED LAPWING 40; LESSER FLAMINGO 1; GARGANEY 100; COMMON TEAL 100; WIGEON 25; COMMON POCHARD 250+; TUFTED DUCK 20; BLACKWINGED STILT 425; GADWAL 75; BRAHMINY KITE; WHITENECKED STORK 5; SPOTTED REDSHANK 2; WHITE-EYED BUZZARD; BOOTED EAGLE; MONTAGU'S HARRIER F; STONE CHAT.

Nadergul 22.ii (HJ, HTJ)
WRYNECK 1.

Vikarabad 4.iii: (SU, NSK)
BLACK STORK 6; YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING PRB, a pair in-cupola.

KARNATAKA

BANGALORE DISTRICT

Bannerghatta National Park 9.ii: (SK,AP,SB,PAU,NRS)
COLLARED SCOPS OWL CB, N with eggs; GREAT INDIAN HORNED OWL CB, ad., with 2 yng.

Hosakote tank 26.i: (UHK)
BRAHMINY DUCK 1 on a sand bar.

MYSORE DISTRICT

Kokkarebellur 30.xii.1999 (SAK)
GREY PELICAN 36 CB, some with yng. N 20 (2+3+2+2+5+6)

Nagarhole National Park 25-28.xii.1999 (SAK)
DARTER 1; KING VULTURE 2; WHITEBACKED VULTURE 8; LONGBILLED VULTURE 1; GRIFFON VULTURE 1; BRONZED DRONGO 1.

Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary 29-30.xii.1999 (SAK)
DARTER 2; WHITE IBIS 8; OPENBILL STORK 12; WHITENECKED STORK 1; SPOONBILL 9; BROWNHEADED GULL 1.

KERALA

COIMBATORE DISTRICT

Top Slip 9-16.ix.1999 (AE)
Birds ringed in BNHS Camp.
SPOTTED DOVE 1; COLLARED SCOPS OWL 1; SMALL GREEN BARBET 4; LARGER GOLDENBACKED WOODPECKER 1*; RUBYTHROATED YELLOW BULBUL 2; SPOTTED BABBLER 1; BLACKHEADED BABBLER 3; RUFOUS BABBLER 3; QUAKER BABBLER 2; TICKELL'S BLUE FLYATCHER 1M; THICKBILLED WARBLER 1; GREY TIT 1; SMALL SUNBIRD 4; LITTLE SPIDERHUNTER 5; WHITEBACKED MUNIA 2.
Birds seen.
HONEY BUZZARD 5; CRESTED GOSHAWK 2 CB, 1 N seen; CRESTED HAWK-EAGLE 1; BLACK EAGLE 1; GREYHEADED FISHING EAGLE 1; SHAHEEN FALCON 1; POMPADOUR PIGEON *c*. 30; RUFOUS TURTLE DOVE 1; MALABAR GREY HORNBILL 1; BRONZED DRONGO 1; WHITEHEADED MYNA *c*. 20; HILL MYNA 2; WHITEBELLIED TREE PIE 1; RUFOUS BABBLER 6; WHITEBELLIED BLUE FLYCATCHER 1 M; BLUETHROATED FLYCATCHER 1 F; MALABAR WHISTLING THRUSH; PLAINCOLOURED FLOWERPECKER 1; HOUSE SPARROW 2 CB, 1 N with yng.

MAHARASHTRA

AHMADNAGAR DISTRICT

Pawarwadi Reservoir 6 ii: (SK)
PURPLE HERON; PAINTED STORK; WHITENECKED STORK; SPOONBILL; BLACKWINGED STILT; RIVER TERN.

Rui Chatrapati Reservoir 6.ii: (SK)
FLAMINGO 4 yng, 3 ad; SPOONBILL; PINTAIL; RIVER TERN.

RAIGAD DISTRICT

Alibag (Akshi Beach) 5-6.i (NJ)
BRAHMINY KITE; WHITEBELLIED SEA-EAGLE; OYSTERCATCHER; GREY PLOVER; LARGE SAND-PLOVER; LESSER SAND-PLOVER; BARTAILED GODWIT; REDSHANK; TEREK SANDPIPER; TURNSTONE; KNOT 1; LITTLE STINT; DUNLIN; CURLEW SANDPIPER; HERRING GULL; BROWNHEADED GULL; BLACKHEADED GULL; GULLBILLED TERN; CASPIAN TERN 1; LITTLE TERN; LESSER CRESTED TERN 10-15; SANDWICH TERN 20-25.
19-20.ii: Low tide exposing muddy area of the beach (waders at the edge of the water).
BRAHMINY KITE; WHITEBELLIED SEA EAGLE; OYSTERCATCHER 7-8; GREY PLOVER; LARGE SAND PLOVER; KENTISH PLOVER; LESSER SAND PLOVER; WHIMBREL; BARTAILED GODWIT; REDSHANK; TEREK SANDPIPER; TURNSTONE; LITTLE STINT; DUNLIN; CURLEW-SANDPIPER; HERRING GULL; BROWNHEADED GULL; BLACKHEADED GULL; GULLBILLED TERN; CASPIAN TERN 1; LITTLE TERN; LESSER CRESTED TERN 10-15.

SOLAPUR DISTRICT

Hipparga Tank 30.x.1999 (NJ)
GREY HERON; PAINTED STORK 3; OPEN BILL STORK 3; WHITENECKED STORK 3; BLACK IBIS 5; SPOONBILL 30-35; FLAMINGO 16; SPOTBILLED DUCK 40-50; WIDGEON 100-